

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS**

GENERAL ORDER AMENDING AND DELETING CERTAIN LOCAL RULES

It is hereby ORDERED that the following amendments to the Local Rules for the Eastern District of Texas, having been approved by the judges of this court, are adopted for immediate implementation:¹

LOCAL RULE CV-7 Pleadings Allowed; Form of Motions

(a) **Generally.** All motions, unless made during a hearing or trial, shall be in writing and conform to the requirements of Local Rules CV-5 and CV-10. Every motion shall be signed by the attorney-in-charge, or with his or her permission. See Local Rule CV-11. Counsel for the movant must indicate in the motion (1) that they have conferred with opposing counsel in a good faith attempt to resolve the matter without court intervention, and (2) whether the motion is opposed or unopposed. With each motion there shall also be filed and served a proposed order for the judge's signature. The order shall be a separate paper endorsed with the style and number of the cause.

(1) Dispositive Motions. Dispositive motions and briefs shall not exceed thirty pages, excluding attachments, unless leave of court is first obtained. Likewise, a party opposing a dispositive motion shall limit the response to the motion to thirty pages, excluding attachments, unless leave of court is first obtained. See Rule CV-56 regarding attachment to motions for summary judgment and responses thereto. Any reply brief to an ~~opped~~ opposed dispositive motion filed pursuant to section (f) of this rule shall not exceed ten pages, including authorities and attachments.

Signed this 6th day of October, 1999.

¹New language appears in underlined text; deleted language appears in ~~strikeout~~ text.

FOR THE COURT:

_____/s/_____

RICHARD A. SCHELL

Chief Judge